# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4405
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Indus Water Treaty
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

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(a) whether the Government is planning to attend the next meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) of the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) to be held in Lahore and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this move came after diplomatic negotiations with the World Bank officials who are playing mediator in encouraging Pakistan to extend the invitation to India and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken decision to utilize water from Indus River under India's share to the fullest and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether more run-of-the-river hydropower projects on western rivers (Indus, Jhelum, Chenab) to exploit full potential was also proposed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) At the invitation of his Pakistan counterpart, the Commissioner (Indus) of India participated in the 113th meeting of Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) held in Pakistan on 20-21 March 2017.

(b) No. PIC was established in accordance with the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), 1960 between India and Pakistan. The Treaty mandates the PIC to maintain cooperative arrangement for the implementation of the Treaty and to promote co-operation between the two sides for the development of the water systems. The Treaty also mandates the PIC to meet at least once a year alternately in India and Pakistan. The 112th meeting of the PIC for the Financial Year (FY) 2015-16 was held in India and the 113th meeting for the FY 2016-17 was held in Pakistan on March 20-21, 2017 as per the Treaty provisions.

(c) to (e) The Government remains committed to fully utilize the waters in accordance with the provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty. In this context, a number of projects have been contemplated on the Eastern and the Western rivers which are in different stages of planning, investigation, appraisal, approval and execution. These include Bhakra Nagal Hydroelectric (H.E.) Project (on river Sutlej), Pong dam (on River Beas) which have been successfully executed. Some other projects, such as Miyar Nallah H.E. Project (on tributary of Chenab River), Lower Kalnai H.E. Project (on tributary of Chenab River), Pakal Dul H.E. Project (on tributary of Chenab River), Kishenganga H.E. Project (on Kishenganga River, a tributary of Jhelum River), Ratle H.E. Project (on River Chenab) are at different stages of implementation.